

HITCHIN HIT BY PENALTY

Wycombe 1 Hitchin 0

A PENALTY scored by John Delaney gave Wycombe victory in this F.A. Cup third qualifying round.

It was an appropriate decider for Delaney, who played a dominating role throughout a fast, exciting game in which Wycombe's forward superiority was largely offset by Hitchin's close-packed, quick-tackling defence.

Delaney effectively blotted out Cogan, Hitchin's key striker, and Hitchin's most promising attacks came from right winger Paul Giggie, who twice almost scored with quick thrusts into the middle.

After a dashing start in which Horseman and Worley should have given them an early lead, Wycombe faltered in face of a strong Hitchin revival just before half-time, but three minutes after the interval left winger Anthony was brought down as he was forging through and Delaney steered the penalty clear of Turner.

Hitchin goalkeeper 'Turner' was lucky when a lightning shot from Worley struck him on the shoulder as he was off balance.